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In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s) : Rudy FEDERICI)
International Application No. : PCT/CH00/00451)
Filed : August 24, 2000) **PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**
National Application No. : To be Assigned) Customer No. 26694
For : HANDLING DEVICE FOR PREPARING) 
A WAFER STACK)
Attorney Docket : 31509-178300)

February 27, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows, it being noted that an appendix showing the marked up claims is attached:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The handling device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that
grippers (44, 60) of the gripping device (43) are arranged on a common carrier (61) which can be
moved parallel to the storage device (42) on a guide element (62).